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Re: Application of Mineki OKAMOTO and Shuji ENDO
CONTROL APPARATUS OF ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS
Assignee: **NSK LTD.**
Our Ref: Q86913

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-8).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR and other prior art references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference listed in the PTO/SB/08 A & B.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

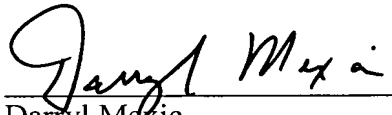
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Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Japan | 2002-272830 | September 19, 2002 |

Since the 30 month date from the original priority date fell on Saturday, March 19, 2005, the entry of National Stage in the United States for this application on the following Monday, March 21, 2005, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,


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